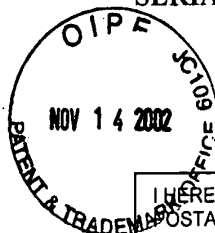


SERIAL NO. 09/744,621

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1998/F-085 (5500\*100)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#12/B  
YC  
11-25-02

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON THIS 8th DAY OF November 2002

J. LYNN FERRY

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

NOV 19 2002

RECEIVED

In re Application of: Rueppel *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1615

Serial No. 09/744,621

Filing Date: February 15, 2001

Examiner: Tran, Susan T.

For: Microparticles Produced From  
Cyclic Olefin Copolymers And  
Their Use For The Controlled  
Release Of Active Agents

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 16, 20 and 26 as follows:

- Sub C B1
16. A microparticle for controlled active-substance release comprising at least one active substance and at least one cycloolefin copolymer.
- B2
20. The microparticle as claimed in claim 16, which further comprises at least one formulation auxiliary.
- B3
26. The microparticle as claimed in claim 19, wherein the microparticle has an average diameter of from 100 to 600  $\mu\text{m}$ .